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1. US MISOFF INFORMED US THAT HIS MISSION HAS
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CUT UK'S CONTRIBUTION TO
UNITAR. UK OFFICER SAID THAT THIS DECISION COINCIDES
WITH THE TERMINATION OF A FIVE YEAR PLEDGE ON THE
PART OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO UNITAR. HE ADDED THAT THE
UK MISSION BELIEVES THAT CUTTING THE UK CONTRIBUTION
OF APPROXIMATELY $100,000 TO ZERO WOULD NOT BE
ADVISABLE AT THIS TIME. THE MISSION, THEREFORE, IS GOING TO
RECOMMEND TO LONDON THAT THE CONTRIBUTION BE CUT BY 50 PERCENT
EACH YEAR.

2. COMMENT: THE UK IS THE THRID LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO THE
UNITAR BUDGET. ONLY THE US($400,000) AND THE FRG
($206,000) MARK LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
TOTAL BUDGET OF SOME $1.4 MILLION.

3. THE UK REP, SPEAKING ON THIS ITEMIN PLENARY OCTOBER 6,
MADE NO MENTION OF THE CUT; PRESUMABLY BECAUSE THEY WISH
TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE NEW YORK
MISSION AND LONDON.
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4. THE UK MISSION OFFICER DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE MONEY SAVED WOULD BE DIVERTED TO OTHER UN ACTIVITIES, AND IT MIGHT BE ASSUMED THAT THE CUT IS BEING MADE SIMPLY TO SAVE THE AMOUNT IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE UK MISSION HAS BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH UNITAR OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION FOR SOME TIME AND DO NOT SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. NICOL, WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION TRULY RESPONSIVE TO UN NEEDS OR OBJECTIVES OF THE UK GOVERNMENT.
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